

NOTES FROM THE FIELDS.

The members of the Somerset Church at Beaver Valley expect to hold a communion on Saturday evening, preceding the first Sunday in May, commencing at 4 o'clock p. m. Every one is cordially invited.

M. EMBREE.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I would just say we are a little band of brethren and sisters here of about twenty in number trying to live true and devoted Christians. By the grace of God we will work till Jesus comes to reward his servants. May God send the dew from heaven to water the little vine here at Linkville.

We still continue to grow and promise to be fruitful in a commendable degree. May it prove to be one planted in good ground that it may spring forth and bear fruit to the name and honor of God. We ask an interest in the prayers of the brethren and sisters.

ELIZABETH WILTFONG.

Linkville, Ind.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—Feeling that it will be to the interest of many of the EVANGELIST readers, we send you a short article concerning the removal and goodness of our esteemed and beloved citizen Mr. John R. Denlinger, who recently left a large circle of friends and associates here, to take up his future abode in the distant west.

Bro. Denlinger was one of the founders of, as well as the first superintendent of our Union Sabbath School which was organized in our school-house two years ago. A perfect success and the outgrowth of a Union Mission Church which was erected here last year at a cost of about \$1800: this S. S., has and is yet doing a good work. Much of the success in advancing the morals of this community as well as the spiritual promotion is certainly due to the ingenuity and untiring labors of Bro. Denlinger.

Two weeks ago at the Sabbath School Bro. Denlinger in a neat and appropriate speech bid adieu to his many friends at Stillwater Junction assuring them that while he could no longer be with them in person he would ever be with them in spirit. Bro. D. has indeed our best wishes and we have no hesitancy in heartily commending him to all the good people whom he may meet in Kansas, assuring them that in him they will find a true friend, faithful in the performance of his every duty, both spiritual and moral.

We sincerely regret his loss, but rejoice to know that our loss will be Kansas' gain.

D. C. ALBERT.

Milford, Ind.

Notwithstanding the discordant elements that are thrown in our midst, our church moves forward in peace and harmony. Its individual members all vie with each other in their efforts to promote its general welfare. Our S. School has become one of the attractive features of our Sunday devotion, as well as a resort for many who have heretofore spent their time on the streets; and as a people, we feel that there is a moral influence making itself felt that must

redound to our future prosperity and moral elevation. There is an ardent desire exhibited on the part of our neighboring towns to move forward in this work.

At the urgent request of a number of the brethren, as well as the solicitations of a number of the members of the German Baptist church, Rev. Ridenour commenced a series of meetings at Baintertown and New Paris on Tuesday evening, and from the present outlook there is no reason why there should not be a large ingathering at those points.

We have been informed that there are a number at those places who now are beginning to see that the discordant elements sown at Arnold's Station is bringing forth a harvest of tars and are now anxious to leave the old oligarchy and fraternise with those, with whom the love of God instills into their mind a love for their neighbors, and which is an essential principle to a right performance of all our duties toward our fellow man, as it dictates justice and charity towards all, and fervency of affection toward our fellow Christians.

It requires not the voice, but the mind; not the stretching of the hands, but the intention of the heart; not any outward shape or carriage of the body, but the inward behaviour of the understanding.

These, and these alone, form the signs of the Christian character and it is upon these qualifications that the world will judge. It is not necessary for us to deprive ourselves of the enjoyments of life when we are in the satisfaction of some innocent pleasure or pursuit of some landable enterprise. We are in the possession of life, "of human life." Our daily avocation will surround us with disappointments enough and nature is attended with infirmities enough without our adding to the unhappy side of our account by our ill humor.

HORTON.

Carleton, Neb.

March 22.—It has been the wish of the brethren here that I write a brief account of our church. In the past three years we have had from one to five sermons each, preached here at different times by brethren Holsinger, Bashor, Bauman and Gnagey. Nearly one year ago Bro. Gnagey preached five sermons for us, at which time the brethren were called together, and with John R. Lichty, as a regularly ordained minister, and Ananias P. Miller as a deacon in good standing among our number, we considered ourselves an organization. There were, I think 17 members at that time. We have a town here of 500 people, and if the town is noted for anything more than for its non-church going people I do not know what it is. The Methodists have a small organization here and healthy body of church and Sunday school workers. The Presbyterians, who at one time had quite a congregation here, now number only a few families. The brethren have rented their church building for one year and have a very active Sunday school in progress at this place. In the month of January the attendance was over 90 of an average. We have however had no regular

preaching service, Bro. Lichty declining to fill the minister's place.

It has been a very general desire among our brethren and many others that we have the doctrine of our church expounded in a series of sermons, and after much correspondence with different ministers, we finally had the consent of brother Bashor and the Waterloo church that he would come and labor with us for a few weeks.

Our meetings commenced on the 8th inst., and closed the 20th. Our attendance was very good, at times greater than could be comfortably seated. The first week was taken up entirely by doctrinal sermons and our town was all excitement on the views as held by "the Dunkards." We were all very much strengthened in our faith, and we feel that the people of this place will respect our organization, if for nothing else than for the fact that we have scriptural reasons for all we believe and practice. Bro. Bashor's revival sermons are as soul-stirring as in his early years and carry with them much more logic and eloquence.

The meetings closed with six converts, one of whom formerly held membership in the German Baptist church. One is a brother of Bro. Edward Miller, and one is, she for whose conversion the writer has prayed for days, months and years. May God bless those who have made the start, and us all is the wish of your brother.

H. M. LICHTY.

Things in General, Some Things in Particular.

A Plucky Church.—The Baptist church of Hagerstown is plucky. They started several years ago with good prospects, but reverses came and circumstances became adverse. Yet still they kept at work and pushed on, looking for better days. Their faith is great, and if those who work and wait are rewarded certainly our friends will come in for a good share. We admire their pluck, but unless the church at large keeps them, they have a long row to hoe. The best thing for them to do is to unite their force with ours; two are better than one in some cases, and in some cases one is better than two. If the Baptist and the Brethren of Hagerstown were to get married, they could keep house nicely.

The Serpent of brass.—I enjoy reading the children's letters, and it is not often I skip their department. Last week their page had about the best reading in the paper, with the exception of two or three articles. Now, boys and girls, I have a question to ask you. What became of the serpent of brass? You know Moses raised it in the wilderness. What afterwards became of that piece of brass? The first seven answering this question will receive a little paper free for one year. You understand now, I have seven papers to give away, and the first seven who answer this question will get rewarded. You can send your address on a postal card to me or through the paper; you would better send a card direct to me. I love you young folks and hope you will all write—take a subject and write on it. Who has a good one.

"Rev." vs "Eld."—We had an article on "Rev." for the paper.

When we read Bro. Cassel's article, we agree with him that the title as applied to ministers is worldly, human and modern. If we reject backward immersion because it is not four hundred years old, we ought to reject this human title which is not more than two hundred years old. It is well known that the word found in the Old Testament is applied to God, "Holy and reverend is his name." Psalms 8:9. A man has as much right to have the word holy put before his name as the word reverend. The Holy John Stuckup is just as good as the Reverend Thomas Proud-pot. If a man is not an Elder, he has not the title. If a man is an Elder, he needs no other title. We may give the result of our investigation on the subject at some future time.

St. James.—We preached a few nights at St. James, addressing our remarks directly to the church. Our friends there are growing in grace. Bro. Shaver worked for us there a good work and he will yet be rewarded for it. Bro. Bowman will have his home here and we will be disappointed if the cause does not prosper. St. James occupies a warm place in our hearts. May God bless the Brethren church.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Falls City Items.

The Christians, Methodists and Presbyterians have held revival meetings in town this winter with good success. Sin and wickedness have been denounced in unmeasured terms, and the beauties of holy living, in accordance with the teachings of the gospel of Christ, have been set forth in glowing colors by the ministers and workers in the several churches. The Presbyterians report 20 conversions, the Christians over fifty, and the Methodists as many if not more; and yet, with all these influences in a town of 4500 people a man was shot dead on the street last week. Both the slayer and the slayed were gamblers and were quarreling over a game. Both were intoxicated when the bloody affray took place. The licensed saloons of Falls City are the ordinances of satan to bring both soul and body to destruction. The curse of the saloon will characterize this generation as distinctively as did the worst sins of antiquity characterize the nations afflicted by them.

The Brethren church here seems to enjoy continued prosperity. Divine services are well attended and good interest is manifested in the word preached. When the congregation gets to the church before the preacher and the sexton it indicates more spiritual life than when the preacher must go to the church and wait for the congregation.

The writer sometimes feels as if he should mention by name the zealous and liberal hearted brethren at this place in these items, but feels that he could not mention some and omit others without doing injustice, and they are too many to mention all. Besides, are not all the Brethren here, the Mausts' and the Meyers, the Saylers and the Lictys, the Kimmells and the Shafers, and the Stumps and the Forneys and the Johnsons and the Meselers, and all the rest related to one another in some way? That makes it all like

one family and it is enough to say that the family is a good one.

Last Sunday Elder Stump baptized six converts in our new baptistry.

Here in Nebraska, where the streams run through deep muddy channels it becomes necessary to construct baptistries. Our new baptistry consists of a box of proper demension sunk into the ground by the side of a big spring so arranged that the water from the spring flows through the box.

Two applicants yet await baptism and others are near the kingdom.

Brother Nicholson still holds the fort at Holmesville amidst much opposition, and brother Bashor is holding successful meetings at Carleton.

Elder Jesse Calvert's paper has a reader at this place. It looks like a harmless sheet taken as a whole. The best article is from the pen of the Nation's great infidel, R. G. Ingersoll, but without giving credit to the author. Jesse should learn to give even the Ingersoll his due. The editor returns thanks to the Vindicator for favorable notice, but says nothing about the G. M., and the EVANGELIST. This looks a little partial as regards the EVANGELIST at least.

E. L. Y.

Lexington, Ohio.

Our church matters are gliding along smoothly, in harmony and the greatest love exists among the Brethren and sisters. We have preaching every other Sabbath, prayer and social meeting every Tuesday evening. Brother Mason is still our pastor, but is talking of leaving this field of labor. We can not see how we can give him up as he is needed so much in this part of the vineyard of the Lord.

Our protracted meeting is now over and we all had our spiritual strength renewed by listening to such grand, true gospel sermons by brother P. J. Brown, and the grand singing conducted by Bro. Mason. We had six accessions to the church, five from the world and one from the Conservatives. I am satisfied others will soon follow. We all felt sorry when the time came to give brother Brown the parting hand for he has made many friends while with us, we hope he will not forget his friend at Lexington. We hope he will try to renew his visit in the near future, may he live long and prosper in this world and then enter the fair climes of eternal bliss where parting will be no more. We ask the prayers of the Brethren and sisters that we may live true to the Master and then on the other shore we can meet one another again.

E. BAKER.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Williams Co., Ohio, William H. Young and sister Elizabeth Collins, by Rev. J. H. Palmer.

MILLER-ARNOLD.—By Elder A. J. Hixson, at the residence of the bride's parents in Labette Co., March 10th. Mr. Ed. S. Miller, of Gage Co., Neb., and Miss Ida M. Arnold, of Labette Co., Kans. Their future home will be Barneston, Gage Co., Neb. May God bless their union. A. J. H.

We never graduate in religion, because the nearer we are to God the more we see there is to be learned.